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SUBJ: KENNEDY COMMENTS ON PORTUGAL

1. INDEPENDENT LEFTIST LISBON DAILY "A CAPITAL" REPORTED JAN 12 THAT SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY HAD MET WITH "AZOREAN IMMIGRANTS" IN BOSTON TO DISCUSS LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER ON PORTUGAL. ACCORDING TO "A CAPITAL" CORRESPONDENT IN NEW BEDFORD, SENATOR SAID NEGOTIATIONS ON USG USE OF LAJES FIELD WOULD RESUME FOLLOWING ELECTIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. "A CAPITAL" QUOTED SENATOR AS STATING THAT RENT FOR BASE MIGHT TOTAL \$450 MILLION, MAJOR PORTION OF WHICH SHOULD BE INVESTED IN AZORES. SENATOR WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING SECRETARY'S LETTER HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER "COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AID" RECOMMENDATION THAT AID APPROPRIATION FOR PORTUGAL BE CUT FROM \$55 MILLION TO \$35 MILLION. STORY HAS NOT APPEARED IN OTHER PAPERS.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON "A CAPITAL" STORY. IF QUERIED ON APPROPRIATION CUT, WE WILL POINT OUT COMMITTEE ACTION IS NOT FINAL. WE WOULD
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